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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a  continuation  divisional  
 continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of  
 pending prior Application No. 09/112,313 filed on July 9, 1998,  
 the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by  
 reference,  
 by

Michael R. CORNER and David R. WATKINS

for

TIRE WITH BREAKER PLY EXTENDING BETWEEN BEAD REGIONS

1.  Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2.  The filing fee has been calculated as follows:



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|  |              | LARGE ENTITY |            | SMALL ENTITY |               |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| BASIC FEE  |              | \$740.00     |            | \$370.00     |               |
|  | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE       | FEE          | RATE          |
| <b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>  | 9-20 =       | 0            | x 18       | = \$0.00     | x 9 = \$0.00  |
| <b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>                                    | 1-3 =        | 0            | x 84       | = \$0.00     | x 42 = \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED |              |              | + \$280.00 |              | + \$140.00    |
|  |              | <b>TOTAL</b> | \$740.00   |              | \$0.00        |

3.  A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.

4.  Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a.  --This application is a divisional of co-pending Application No. 09/112,313, filed on July 9, 1998, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 9714609.6 filed in Great Britain on July 12, 1997 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

b.  --This application is a  continuation  divisional  continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/112,313, filed on July 9, 1998 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/112,313 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/\_\_\_\_/ filed on \_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6.  Enclosed is/are four (4) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

7a.  A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/112,313 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

7b.  The current application qualifies for small entity status.

8.  The prior application is assigned to Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.

9.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

10a.  Priority of Application No(s). 9714609.6 filed in Great Britain on July 12, 1997 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on October 5, 1998.

10b.  Priority of International Appln. \_\_\_\_ filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No. \_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

11.  An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

12.  Address all future communications to:  
  
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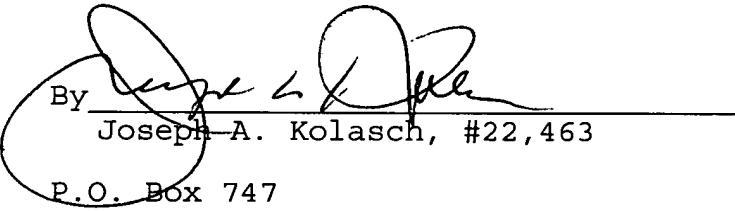
13.  An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/112,313 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

14.  Also enclosed herewith is the following:  
  
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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